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- 2 1. Dr. Ivan Dochev¹, a 45-year-old lawyer (degree from the University of Sofia and doctorate from the University of Heidelberg), is now living in Toronto, Canada, where he devotes most of his time to the affairs of the Bulgarian National Front², an anti-Communist organization which he founded in Austria in 1946. Dr. Dochev holds the position of Secretary-General in the organization and as such directs and controls all its activities. In addition, he edits the Bulgarian and English language newspaper, Naroden Glas (People's Voice) and supports himself by working as a trucker. His wife (na) is also a university graduate.

Dochev and the Legion

- 4 2. Dochev maintains that he was never connected with the pro-German Legion established by General Lukov in 1940, but that he was the founder (in 1931) of another organization called the Bulgarian Legion, which, because of its refusal to become a tool of German policy, was outlawed by the Kimon Georgiev government in 1934. Although Dochev's Legion (which took its name from the Legion of Rakovsky, a group which was active during the period of Turkish domination of Bulgaria) was reinstated in 1935, it was again and finally abolished in 1937, at which time Dochev was allegedly tried and sentenced to a year's imprisonment in the Sofia Prison for his Legion activities. Dochev is careful to state that he and his Legion's followers never had anything to do with the Legion of General Lukov.

Other Activities when in Bulgaria

3. After the 1940 cession of the Dobruzha to Bulgaria, Dochev, who was a native of Shumen, was reportedly sent to Silistra to be its mayor, a position which he held for two years. After 9 September 1944, Dochev and his wife escaped from Bulgaria by way of Macedonia.

Washington Comments:

1. For further information on Dochev, see CS 32-3747 report dated 21 April 1952.
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